

Families For Literacy Program Update

Families for Literacy staff participated in a special pre-conference event at the Red Lion Hotel in Sacramento on October 1-2, 2002. This event brought 85 family literacy coordinators and staff together to network and share best practices in California library family literacy programs.

At the pre-conference, staff participated in sessions on children's books, themes and crafts, music, literacy partnerships, pediatric literacy programs, Mother Goose Programs, and promoting writing in family literacy programs.

Evaluations from the family literacy pre-conference were positive with staff remarking how much they learned from their family literacy colleagues. One person remarked, "I'm on a great learning curve here!"

On the last day of the pre-conference, Family literacy staff joined adult literacy coordinators in a strategic planning session with the California State Library. A presentation on family literacy program issues identified at the 1999 CLC Convocation and accomplishments after the convocation was presented by field staff. The following handout was presented at the pre-conference to demonstrate successful accomplishments in the Families For Literacy Program before and after the 1999 CLC Convocation.